



APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
CITY HALL – KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holley called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gary Bretz, Vice Chair
Barry Graham, Commissioner
Paul Holley, Chair
Jyme Sue McLaren, Commissioner
Steven Rosenberg, Commissioner
Robert Stickle, Commissioner

STAFF: Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Madeline Clemann, Transportation Planning and Transit Operations Manager
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Frances Cookson, Staff Representative
Greg Davies, Senior Transportation Planner

REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

• Approval of Meeting Minutes

Study Session of the Transportation Commission – December 15, 2016
Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission – December 15, 2016
No edits were suggested to the Study Session and Regular meeting minutes

- **Review Path and Trails Subcommittee- December 6, 2016**

Mr. Basha explained this has been added to the agenda to find a good mechanism to inform the commission of the discussions at the Path and Trails Subcommittee. Giving Transportation Commissioners the option to discuss the item and to ask to have it scheduled to a future Transportation Commission Agenda.

Chair asked if will revisit Hidden Hills. Susan Conklu advised the discussion was to add as a future item.

- **Transportation Commission and Path and Trails Subcommittee Annual Report of 2016**

Chairman inquired if would like to discuss the annual reports. Mr. Basha stated that 2016 was a really good year for the Transportation Commission.

Commissioner mentioned a couple of missteps, could have handled a little better, the widening of Chaparral Road and narrowing of Scottsdale Road and other projects, in the future take a one at a time approach.

Vice Chair mentioned Chaparral Road project, disappointed on misrepresentation of facts from presenters, when went to council, especially light rail.

Commissioner noted another positive was the signage program and the sculpture the city employee who made the iron work.

Commissioner noted his excitement about what doing with biking, and Downtown sidewalk improvements.

Commissioner mentioned an article regarding infrastructure improvements have been on roads versus putting money into sidewalks.

Chairman mentioned an article on the Downtown Trolley.

A brief discussion was held on the annual reports and projects.

- **ALCP Arterial Life Cycle Program**

Mr. Basha stated that this is the third of three presentations on regional funding. Greg Davies will give the presentation.

We have a serious short fall looming where in the past 10 years we've been delaying major transportation projects, mainly street projects into future years 20 year program. We've reached the end of the 20 year program. We can't delay anymore. Greg will review in his presentation. We need to come up with approximately 80 million in order to receive regional funds.

Chairman noted only other alternative is cut back on our expectations, no mean forfeiting the money.

Commissioner inquired if we had capital match money for those projects earlier on that were deferred and were those monies were absorbed elsewhere, other programs- what caused short fall in your capital budget?

Gregory Davies advised that no, the money was never programed for ALCP projects there are 45 identified originally when the 2003 regional transportation plan was developed. At this point and time there's 21 million in matching funds for an additional nine more projects programmed

that will leverage 48 million in the 5 year. To answer your question, no. The remaining 36 projects were never funded we just knew they were in the 20 year plan that we could hopefully identify funding for those projects from sales tax, that's predominately where our funding comes from.

Mr. Basha explained in the past the money was expected to be received from sales tax but because of the down turn of the economy the sales tax revenue was not there. So the money was not also delayed our local contribution was not delayed it was never realized. So our only alternative was to push to the future.

Commissioner inquired if other projects in program today that are 100% locally funded that are utilizing funds that can be freed up to do the local match to leverage your dollars a little further?

Mr. Basha explained we have several programs, we have seven (7) programs that the Transportation Department funds those are entirely local funding they are traffic signal construction, bikeways and sidewalks and neighborhood management control. Those total 2-3 million over 5 years, we believe those funds need to stay there.

Vice Chair inquired we are looking for 80 million is there any chance of finding it anywhere? Or need to find another source.

Mr. Basha explained that's a discussion our City Treasurer office attends to have, it will begin next Tuesday with City Council. There are a variety of funding sources possible. A brief discussion was held on funding.

- **Downtown Tourism Self-Guided Bike Routes**

Susan Conklu stated we haven't brought this item to the Transportation Commission but have presented it to Path and Trails subcommittee. I'll update you on the bigger picture- what we've been doing and recent stops and where we go from there.

- **Announcements**

Mr. Basha made the following announcements:

- Introduced new hire Pedro Rodriguez, Transit Operations Coordinator
- Transportation Commission nominations will be February 7, 2017 and appointments will be February 21, 2017; we currently have one seat vacant, and have one applicant
- Update on Senior Traffic Engineer recruitment
- Update on Transportation Planning and Transit Operations Manager recruitment
- Andy Merkley passed his professional engineers exam
- Alan Ruck passed his Engineer in training exam
- Announced City Manager hired-Jim Thompson
- Capital Improvement presentation to City Council on January 24, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Chair Holley adjourned the Study Session at 5:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Frances Cookson

Transportation Coordinator

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